



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

For: METHOD OF ENHANCING REPRODUCTIVE
PERFORMANCE OF SOWS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Office Action of February 26, 2004 and the reference cited therein has been received and carefully studied. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper. These amendments have been made for clarity and to avoid redundancy in the text.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper. The independent claims 1 and 4 have been amended to point out that the method calls for feeding the nutrients during at least two periods of gestation. In addition, obvious typographical errors have been corrected in claim 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.